This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a) one or more mobile items operable to be carried by a user, each including a radio frequency tag operable to produce an answer electromagnetic wave in response to a query electromagnetic wave; and

b) a toy including a query circuit and an interaction circuit, the query circuit being operable to emit the query electromagnetic wave and receive one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves from the one or more mobile items, and the interaction circuit being operable to i) associate a user-defined output with one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves; ii) select the user-defined output based on receiving the associated one or more answer electromagnetic waves; iii) simultaneously select a second output from among a plurality of outputs based on receiving a particular one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves; and iv) output, in user-perceptible manner, the selected user-defined output combined with the simultaneously selected second output.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the interaction circuit includes an output circuit coupled to at least one output transducer operable to output the user-defined output and the second output.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the at least one output transducer includes at least one of an audio transducer, a visual transducer, a tactile transducer, and a mechanical transducer.

4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the user-defined output includes a user-defined phrase and the

second output includes a second phrase, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to audibly output the user-defined phrase and the second phrase in an order resembling human speech.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 4, comprising at least two of the mobile items each operable to produce a respective answer electromagnetic wave in response to a query electromagnetic wave, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to select at least one of the user-defined phrase and the second phrase based on which of the one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves is received.

6. (canceled)

7. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to receive the user-defined phrase from the user and to store the user-defined phrase, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to select the stored user-defined phrase for output.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to associate the user-defined phrase with the one or more electromagnetic waves by the user selecting one or more of the mobile items.

9. (previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a plurality of radio frequency tags operable to produce respective answer electromagnetic waves in response to a query electromagnetic wave; and

a toy including a query circuit and an interaction circuit, the query circuit being operable to emit the query electromagnetic wave and receive one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves, and the interaction circuit being operable to i) associate a user-defined output with one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves; ii) select the user-defined output based on receiving the associated one or more answer electromagnetic waves; iii) simultaneously select a second output from among a plurality of outputs based on receiving a

particular one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves; and iv) to output, in order, in user-perceptible manner, the selected user-defined output and the simultaneously selected second output.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein one or more of the radio frequency tags are disposed at respective physical locations, and the interaction circuit is operable to select at least one of the user-defined output and the second output from among a plurality of outputs based on which one or more answer electromagnetic waves are received.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein at least one of the radio frequency tags is operable to produce an answer electromagnetic wave that is distinguishable from others of the answer electromagnetic waves, and the interaction circuit is operable to select at least one output from among the plurality of outputs by distinguishing which one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves are received.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein at least one of the radio frequency tags is operable to produce an answer electromagnetic wave including at least one of: (i) frequency content that is different from others of the answer electromagnetic waves, and the interaction circuit is operable to distinguish which one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves are received based on the frequency content thereof; and (ii) a code that is different from others of the answer electromagnetic waves, and the interaction circuit is operable to distinguish which one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves are received based on the codes thereof.

13. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to store indications of which one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves are received.

14. (original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the indications are at least one of assigned, tagged, and created index numbers.

15. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to select at least one of the user-defined output and the second output based on which of the index numbers were stored.

16. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the plurality of outputs include characteristics that correspond to respective characteristics of the physical locations.

17. (original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the respective characteristics of the physical locations include a type of room in which a given one of the radio frequency tags is disposed.

18. (original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the type of room is taken from the group consisting of: a kitchen, a living room, a dining room, a family room, a bedroom, a bathroom, a basement, a garage, a foyer, an attic, and a hallway.

19. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the interaction circuit includes an output circuit coupled to at least one output transducer operable to output the user-defined output and the second output. ~~by .~~

20. (original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the at least one output transducer includes at least one of an audio transducer, a visual transducer, a tactile transducer, and a mechanical transducer.

21. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the user-defined output includes a user-defined phrase and the second output includes a second phrase, wherein said interaction circuit is operable to select the user-defined phrase and the second phrase from among a plurality of phrases based on which of the first one or more and the second one or

more answer electromagnetic waves is received, and said output circuit is operable to audibly output the user-defined phrase and the second phrase.

22. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein at least one of the selected user-defined phrase and the selected second phrase includes the characteristics that correspond to the respective characteristics of the physical locations at which one or more of the radio frequency tags are disposed and from which one or more answer electromagnetic waves are received.

23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to receive the user-defined phrase from the user and to store the user-defined phrase, and to select the stored user-defined phrase.

25. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the interaction circuit is operable to associate the user-defined phrase with the one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves by the user selecting one or more of the radio frequency tags.

26. (previously presented) A method, comprising:

providing at least one mobile item operable to be carried by a user and emit an answer electromagnetic wave in response to receiving a query electromagnetic wave;

providing a toy operable to emit the query electromagnetic wave and receive the answer electromagnetic wave;

associating a user-defined output with one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves;

selecting the user-defined output based on receiving the associated one or more answer electromagnetic waves;

simultaneously selecting a second output from among a plurality of outputs based on receiving a particular one or more answer electromagnetic waves;

outputting, in user perceptible manner from the toy, the selected user-defined output combined with the simultaneously selected second output.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the toy includes at least one output transducer operable to output the user-defined output and the second output, and the at least one output transducer includes at least one of an audio transducer, a visual transducer, a tactile transducer, and a mechanical transducer.

28. (canceled)

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:

providing at least two mobile items each operable to produce a respective answer electromagnetic wave in response to a query electromagnetic wave; and

selecting at least one of the user-defined output and the second output based on which one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves are received.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the user-defined output includes a user-defined phrase and the second output includes a second phrase.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising receiving the user-defined phrase from the user and storing the user-defined phrase, wherein said selecting selects the stored user-defined phrase.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein said associating includes specifying the one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves by selecting one or more of the mobile items by the user.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising:

providing a plurality of radio frequency tags operable to produce respective answer electromagnetic waves in response to the query electromagnetic wave, wherein the user-defined output and the second output are selected based on which of the one or more answer electromagnetic waves are received from the at least one mobile item and the plurality of radio frequency tags.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 33, further comprising disposing one or more of the radio frequency tags at respective physical locations, wherein the second output is selected from among a plurality of outputs corresponding to respective characteristics of the physical locations, based on which of the one or more answer electromagnetic waves is received.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein at least one of the radio frequency tags is operable to produce an answer electromagnetic wave that is distinguishable from others of the answer electromagnetic waves, the method further comprising selecting at least one output from among the plurality of outputs by distinguishing which of the one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves is received.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein at least one of the radio frequency tags is operable to produce an answer electromagnetic wave including at least one of: (i) frequency content that is different from others of the answer electromagnetic waves; and (ii) a code that is different from others of the answer electromagnetic waves, the method further comprising distinguishing which of the one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves is received based on at least one of the frequency content and the codes thereof.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 36, further comprising storing indications of which of the one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves is received.

38. (original) The method of claim 37, wherein the indications are at least one of assigned, tagged, and created index numbers.

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising selecting at least one of the user-defined output and the second output based on which of the index numbers are stored as indications of receiving the one or more answer electromagnetic waves.

40. (canceled)

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the respective characteristics of the physical locations include a type of room in which a given one of the radio frequency tags is disposed.

42. (original) The method of claim 41, wherein the type of room is taken from the group consisting of: a kitchen, a living room, a dining room, a family room, a bedroom, a bathroom, a basement, a garage, a foyer, an attic, and a hallway.

43. (canceled)

44. (canceled)

45. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the second output includes a phrase corresponding to the respective characteristics of the physical locations at which one or more of the radio frequency tags are disposed and from which one or more of the answer electromagnetic waves is received.

46. (canceled)

47. (canceled)

48. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the interaction circuit is further operable to output the user-defined output and the second output in order.

49. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the interaction circuit is operable to select the second output based on receiving the answer electromagnetic wave that is associated with the user-defined output.

50. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the particular second output is selected~~answer electromagnetic wave,~~ based on receipt of an answer electromagnetic wave which ~~the second output is selected~~ is different from the answer electromagnetic wave associated with the user-defined output.

51. (previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the user-defined output includes a user-defined phrase and the second output includes a second phrase and the user-defined phrase and the second phrase are outputted in order.